



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*July 7- [CMS Proposes Physician Payment Rule to Expand Access to High-Quality Care](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today issued the Calendar Year 2023 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed rule, which would significantly expand access to behavioral health services, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), cancer screening, and dental care — particularly in rural and underserved areas.

*July 7- [Biden-Harris Administration to make an additional 144,000 doses of JYNNEOS vaccine available to states and jurisdictions for monkeypox response](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced that it will make an additional 144,000 doses of the JYNNEOS vaccine available to states and jurisdictions, as part of the Biden Administration's [comprehensive strategy](#) to combat monkeypox and protect Americans most at risk from monkeypox. These doses of JYNNEOS vaccine will begin shipping from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) on July 11.

*July 8- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on President Biden's Executive Order to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement on President Biden's executive order to protect access to reproductive health care.

*July 11- [Following President Biden's Executive Order to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, HHS Announces Guidance to Clarify that Emergency Medical Care Includes Abortion Services](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced new guidance and communication to ensure all patients — including pregnant women and others experiencing pregnancy loss — have access to the full rights and protections for emergency medical care afforded under the law. This announcement follows President Biden's [executive order](#) on reproductive health issued Friday.

*July 11- [Biden-Harris Administration secures 3.2 million doses of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine. Latest vaccine will provide an additional option for the American public, pending FDA](#)

Emergency Use Authorization and CDC recommendation. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in collaboration with the Department of Defense (DOD), today announced that it has secured 3.2 million doses of Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine. The protein-based, adjuvanted vaccine will be made available for free to states, jurisdictions, federal pharmacy partners, and federally qualified health centers if it receives U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), and recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The company is expected to complete all necessary quality testing in the next few weeks, which would support final release of the product.

*July 11- [Six Operation Fly Formula Flights Scheduled for Week of July 11](#). *By July 17, Operation Fly Formula will have transported more than 55 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents to the U.S.* There are six Operation Fly Formula flights currently scheduled for the week of July 11, projected to import approximately 8 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula to the United States. By July 17, Operation Fly Formula flights will have completed 48 flights and imported more than 55 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula.

*July 13- [HHS Issues Guidance to the Nation's Retail Pharmacies Clarifying Their Obligations to Ensure Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Services](#). Today, following President Biden's Executive Order on ensuring access to reproductive health care, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is issuing guidance to roughly 60,000 U.S. retail pharmacies, reminding them of their obligations under federal civil rights laws. The guidance makes clear that as recipients of federal financial assistance, including Medicare and Medicaid payments, pharmacies are prohibited under law from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability in their programs and activities. This includes supplying prescribed medications; making determinations regarding the suitability of prescribed medications for a patient; and advising a patient about prescribed medications and how to take them. The action is the latest step in the HHS' response to protect reproductive health care.

Fact Sheets

*July 7- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule](#). On July 7, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that announces and solicits public comments on proposed policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), and other Medicare Part B issues, effective on or after January 1, 2023.

*July 7- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule - Medicare Shared Savings Program Proposals](#). On July 7, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed rule

that includes proposed changes to the Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) to advance CMS' overall value-based care strategy of growth, alignment, and equity.

Blogs

*July 14- [New baby? You may have new coverage options](#). Congratulations on your new baby! How you'll get coverage for your baby depends on your current insurance status.

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